

AT THE CITY HALL.

The Matter of Cheap Telephones
to be Considered

AT THE MEETING HELD TONIGHT

Or the Ways and Means Committee—
Other City Hall News.

At the meeting of the ways and means committee in the council chamber tonight at the request of the Harrison International Telephone company for a franchise to operate in Topeka will come up for discussion, although the committee men do not intend to make any report on the franchise at present. The firm of Waters & Waters, attorneys for the telephone company, have made the request that the committee should take no action until General Agent Buck arrives in Topeka with a line of the company's samples. This request was made today in the following communication:

To the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN.—The Harrison International Telephone company have sent to Chicago for a telephone franchise to operate in Topeka. They want a thorough investigation made of their system before any action is taken relative to their application for a franchise to do business here. In view of the fact that we do not know the exact date and location of the next meeting of the committee in this regard until an opportunity is given to make an exhibition of the working of their system.

WATERS & WATERS, Attorneys for the company.

It is stated that a sample telephone line with the automatic dial-faced indicator that does away with the girl at "central," and all the rest of the improvements of which the Harrison people boast, will be constructed from Lawyer Waters' office to the city building, in order that the council may be convinced of the merits of the enterprise. Even with this evidence the council will be careful in admitting the company. While not disposed to refuse admission to new enterprises into Topeka, the rejection, if at all, will be made for the same reasons that defeated A. B. Campbell's cheap gas scheme, namely, that the city has at present all the franchises in force on its streets and alleys conveniently permit-

ABOUT SUNDAY CLOSING.
It Will Be Discussed Tonight—Mr. Bradford Talks.

The Sunday closing ordinance is the real matter for consideration which led Chairman G. A. Fellows to call the commissioners together tonight. The question under advisement has expanded from the original point of whether or not meat markets should be allowed to keep open on Sunday, into the more exhaustive and important question as to how far Sunday observance should be made compulsory by law.

A detail from the ministerial union will be present to urge a rigid Sunday closing ordinance to include all places except drug stores for the sale of drugs only, and with special reference to closing the cigar stores. Such an ordinance would meet with the approval of Mr. Fulton, and probably Mr. Bradford.

Mr. Holman and Mr. Fellows are non-committal, but disposed to do what the ministers term "the right thing." Mr. Earnest Frank's admits he does not believe in being too strict in such matters and does not propose to vote against his convictions.

The opinion of Mr. Bradford on this subject is especially interesting, as he is a member of the council and his views on city affairs have not been given much publicity. "I voted," he said, "for a reconsideration of the ordinance because I wanted more time in which to study the matter. The matter of making the butcher shops close on Sunday has two sides. It would not seriously affect the rich people but it might affect those who are too poor to take less. I shall consider the matter very carefully before I vote Monday night. As to other places keeping open on Sunday I am not undecided. Cigar stores of all places have no excuse for keeping open on Sunday. Sunday opening should be restricted to the sale of articles of immediate necessity."

HOPKINS HAS A JOB.
The Ex-Street Commissioner Will Build the Race Track.

Ex-Street Commissioner Albert Hopkins is being urged by several horsemen in Topeka to assume charge of the half-mile race track on the state fair grounds and rebuild it for a series of races to be held here next summer. Mr. Hopkins is the most expert track builder in the west, and it was he who put the track in condition the year three national records were broken (1883). It is proposed to have not only trotting and pacing races, but culling races as well.

Among the horsemen who have been seen to see Mr. Hopkins are O. P. Updike, R. L. Lee, Alford Parker and Charles Wolff. It is not improbable that Mr. Hopkins will accept the place, as he has been doing nothing since leaving the office of street commissioner. The places he would like are already filled, and he doesn't like the places open to him.

GOING TO COLORADO.

The County Commissioners Leave Tomorrow to Look at Stone.

The county commissioners will leave tomorrow for Colorado to inspect the stone to be used in the construction of the new court house.

The party which will leave Topeka at noon on the 18th will be composed of the following gentlemen: County Commissioners J. L. Knight, J. A. Campbell and D. A. Williams, ex-Commissioner Samuel Kerr, County Auditor J. G. Wood, Architect Holland, Jonathan Thomas who owns the quarries, and Contractor J. C. Watson.

It is said the county will not have to pay the expenses of the trip.

SOME OF THE SUFFERERS.

Two Instances of Distress Brought Before the Associated Charities.

A young man came to the Associated Charities headquarters today who said he had a mother and three of the other children to support as well as himself. He was only 18 years old and had not had any work for nearly four months. He had no money at all and there was no food or fuel in their house.

Another man about 30 years old who had a wife and six children also present and six other dependents. He had been out of work for some time past on account of an accident which had severely injured his arm so that he cannot do anything. He needed food and fuel. Not a day passes that a number of cases of this kind are not brought before the association.

MAJ. INMAN BETTER.

The Well-known Newspaper Writer Still at Christ's Hospital.

Major Henry Inman, who is at Christ's Hospital, is improving. He is in such good spirits he told a STATE JOURNAL reporter the following good news:

When General J. Blunt of Kansas fame commanded the army of the frontier during the rebellion, while operating in Missouri, had occasion to hunt for the James river.

"He knew he must be some where in the vicinity by his maps, and riding up to a Missouri cabin on the bank of which two men past middle life were sitting, he inquired of them where the James river was.

"Don't know any such a stream," said one.

"How long have you lived here?" said the general.

"About 40 years. I was born here."

"And don't know where the James is?" indignantly inquired the general again. At this juncture the other man leaned over and said: "Bill, I wonder if he doesn't mean the James?"

It was the James that the general wanted and it was so pointed out to him in the woods a quarter of a mile away.

AT THE THEATERS.

"Fantasma" Has More Gorgeous Scenery Than Ever Before at the Grand.

Hanlon Brothers' "Fantasma" was given at the Grand last night to a big house.

"Fantasma" is no doubt one of the very best shows of its class on the road. It is almost entirely pantomime.

What would otherwise have been a good performance was made dazzling at times by the splendor of the scenery and costumes.

The mid-ocean scenes and the avenue of fountains were especially good.

The company has a number of new and very taking tricks. Upon these two features the company depends largely for its success.

The performance will be repeated to-night.

The "Black Crook" by a company of 55 people, is booked for the Grand of next week. While there are four "Black Crook" companies on the road, this company is said to be one of the best of them. The price will probably be raised to \$1.50.

The Starr's big comedy company closed their week's engagement with the comedy "Nip and Tuck" at Crawford's to-night. The brothers during their week's engagement here have made their attraction popular. There is considerable real merit in their performances. They go from here to Atchison.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The Elks will entertain the Fantasma company tonight.

Alexander Salvini has been booked for a date at the Grand.

The wind which spoiled the sleighing blew twenty-five miles an hour.

Mrs. Louise is to address an Alliance meeting in Osborne county this evening.

Fantasma company carries thirty-four besides about two wagon loads of property.

C. J. Prescott left today for northern Maine to investigate the woolen mill business.

The quarterly payment of pensions at the Topeka agency was concluded yesterday.

G. C. Clemens was born in Ohio. He says: "I am an ordinary imported architect."

The next meeting of the county commissioners will be held Tuesday, February 21st.

The annual statement of the M. K. & T. railroad has been filed with the secretary of state.

There are only nine patients out at Christ's hospital. They are all reported to be doing well.

"Black Crook" will give a matinee at the Grand on Washington's birthday Thursday, February 22.

The office of the commissioners of elections will hereafter be open evenings to allow voters to register.

Mrs. S. A. Thurber is attending a meeting of the national equal suffrage association at Washington.

General Manager Frey, of the Santa Fe, has been elected a director of the Atchison Union Depot company.

General Manager Frey left yesterday for a trip of inspection over the Kansas and Colorado lines of the Santa Fe.

Chief Lindsey was in Holton yesterday. He went up on the morning train, and came back again in the afternoon.

"Our Country and Its Religious History" will be the subject of tomorrow's meeting at the Y. W. C. A. rooms at 4 p.m.

The report that the "Fantasma" company was burned out was not correct. It was "Superba," the other show of the Hanlon's.

The programme for the celebration of Washington's birthday is being prepared of Washington's birthday is being prepared this afternoon by a committee of the Sons of the Revolution.

The American Exchange company of Lawrence, with a capital stock of one million dollars, has filed its charter with the secretary of state.

Poor Commissioner Hale distributes every week 1,200 pounds of flour, 3,000 pounds of corn meal and two and one-half barrels of sugar.

The county commissioners have approved the bonds of B. T. Payne, J. W. Tobias, J. C. Langston and Ed Buechner as deputy city assessors.

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Good work done by the Poor.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Brethren (Dunkard) church, Oakland—Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. tomorrow by Elder Vaniman.

Spiritualism—At 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at Lincoln post hall, Mrs. L. Barnicot, late of Boston, Mass., will lecture and give platform tests, assisted by Mrs. Hammitt, the California philanthropist. At 7:30 in the evening Mrs. Lillian L. Wood will lecture on the subject, "Know Thyself, or Self Observation," to be followed by a short address by Mrs. Hammitt and then readings by Mrs. Wood.

United Brethren church, Ladies' Library hall, on Kansas avenue, 11 a.m. in session by pastor; 7:30 p.m. preaching, S. C. Coulentz, pastor.

German Evangelical church, Third and Hancock, Rev. G. Ditzel will preach at 11 a.m.

The First Society of Spiritualists will hold their usual conference meeting at their hall, 429 Kansas avenue, tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock. At 7:30 Mrs. Emma E. Hammitt will lecture and give psychometric reading. It is possible Dr. Lucy Barnicot, the inspirational speaker and test medium from Boston, Mass., will be present to assist in the afternoon and evening services.

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Albion the year 1880 and during several succeeding years, E. E. Carpenter was engaged in the banking business at Beloit, Iowa. At that time a large amount of public land was being settled up under the homestead and pre-emption laws. Settlers on the public lands, unsurveyed could join together and demand and obtain a survey of land which they desired to hold. In order to do this, however, it was first necessary to place in a United States surveyor an amount of money sufficient to cover the cost of making the survey, the depositor receiving from the officers of the surveyor a certificate which was received by the government as so much cash when final settlement was made. These certificates could only be used in the land district where they were issued.

"By act of congress March 3, 1893, sections 2401-2 of the land laws were so amended that certificates of deposit could be endorsed and used in any land district in the country. Then came Carpenter's opportunity. He called to his aid John D. Cameron, land attorney of Sioux Falls, a man named Russell, a land attorney at Yankton, and a land locator named Hayvold of Sioux Falls. Together they formed a huge conspiracy to swindle the government. They issued in the name of the government depositories at New Orleans and Santa Fe, N. M., about \$1,300,000 worth of certificates which was received by the government as so much cash when final settlement was made. These certificates could only be used in the land district where they were issued.

The revival services which were postponed one week on account of bad weather, will begin Sunday night at 7:30 at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, corner of Polk and Hunton streets. Services in charge of Rev. J. H. Meek.

First Unitarian Society, between Ninth and Tenth streets, on Topeka avenue. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Preaching by Rev. E. Archibald, pastor. Morning service, "Little Supreme Object," and at 7:30 p.m., "Gospel Comforts."

Second Adventists meet in Ladies' Library hall, No. 1113 Kansas avenue, at 7:30 p.m., for Sunday school and Bible study. Subject, "God's Judgment of Sodom."

Church of Christ, Scientist, 210 West Sixth street. Preaching at 11 a.m. by the pastor, Willis P. Gross. Subject, "Different Shades of Character."

Wesleyan Methodist church, corner of Third and Jefferson streets. Preaching by Rev. J. H. Meek, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. No services at night.

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First Presbyterian church, Rev. S. B. Alderson, D. D., pastor. Morning service, "Consecrate Me Now," evening subject, "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and How to Obtain It." Revival services all next week at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., all day service of prayer next Thursday.

Second Christian church, 1010 North Kansas avenue. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Communion at 12 m. Evening subject, "Faith and Courage," evening service, "Efficient Railroading."

First Christian Church.—The pastor, Benjamin L. Smith, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

United Presbyterian church, corner of Fourth and Branner streets, M. C. Long, pastor. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning subject, "Abram and Lot"; evening, "The Socialism of the Bible." Sabbath school 9:45 a.m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p.m.

Grace Cathedral—second Sunday in Lent—Early celebration at 8 a.m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m. The Rev. Frank R. Millspaugh of St. Paul's church, Minneapolis, dear-saint of the cathedral, will conduct the services of the day. Evening service at 7:30 p.m.

Third Presbyterian church, corner of Fourth and Branner streets, M. C. Long, pastor. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning subject, "Abram and Lot"; evening, "The Socialism of the Bible." Sabbath school 9:45 a.m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran church—Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; morning service 11 a.m., subject, "Love's Companion"; anniversary of founding Knights of Pythias, 7:30 p.m. Evening service 7:30, Sunday school con-

tinues.

Congregational Club to Listen to Dr. Congdon and the Rev. Henry Hopkins.

At the First Congregational church on Monday evening, the Congregational club will meet and after business meeting, will enjoy a banquet, given by the members of the church.

Rev. R. Cordley of Lawrence will give some "Reminiscences of the late president of the club," T. Dwight Thacher.

The capital stock of the Kansas City Stock Yards company has been increased from \$1,000,000 to \$7,000,000, and a certificate to that effect has been filed with